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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

1. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, and in compliance with CFR §1.56, the Office's attention is directed to the patents, pending applications, publications and other information listed on the attached PTO-1449. Copies of listed foreign patents and other listed publications are enclosed. No copies of the listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications are enclosed. Applicant(s) make no admission that the enclosed documents are prior art to the present invention.

2. Pursuant to 37 CFR \$1.97(b) this Statement is being filed (one must be checked):

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- (b) ☐ Before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.
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## 5. Concise Explanation (if needed):

- (1) ☐ Below is a Concise Statement of Relevance of enclosed non-English language document(s).

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MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS

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